

**P-20 Council
Steering Committee Meeting
March 19, 2007 - 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Location: 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room A, Phx., AZ
P-20 Members Present: Dr. Rufus Glasper, Paul Luna, Dr. Sybil Francis (telephonic), Dr. Karen Nicodemus (telephonic),
Staff & Guests: Debra Raeder, Darcy Renfro and Erin Hart

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Dr. Glasper called the meeting to Order at 1:30 p.m. It was noted that Dr. Sybil Francis and Dr. Karen Nicodemus were attending the meeting telephonically.

2. Update – Foundation Roundtable

Staff and Paul Luna updated the Committee on the outcome of the Foundations Roundtable. There was robust dialogue at the Roundtable, with the Foundations asking for a follow-up meeting and, in general, agreeing to support the projects recommended by staff, and in particular the communications plan.

3. Review/Discussion - Work of the Committees:

Communications Committee

Paul Luna reported that work continues to implement a short-term and long-term communications plan to build public awareness and support of the P-20 Council's recommendations. This work will be completed in partnership with the Council and foundation partner supporters, who have agreed to fund, at minimum the initial phases of this plan.

Education Alignment Committee

Dr. Nicodemus reported that preparations are well underway to begin a review of Arizona math standards that will compare our standards to national benchmarks and state post-secondary education expectations with technical assistance being provided by Achieve, Inc. which is being made possible by a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Ellis Foundation. The RFP for the Higher Education Feasibility Study has been released with responses due on March 21st and is being funded by a grant from the Commerce Economic Development Council. Staff indicated that a Technical Advisory Team is being established and will meet in the next couple of weeks. This Team will be responsible for providing the data for the study to the Vendor.

Education/Workforce Pathways Committee

Staff provided an update and indicated that the Committee will meet with Dr. Wallinger immediately following the Council meeting to delve into Virginia's implementation process for the Senior Year Plus Program. The Committee continues to explore avenues to strengthen career and technical education programs to be meaningful pathways for students to successfully transition from high school into post-secondary education and the workforce.

Teacher Committee

The TQS Committee will re-convene with the Council's Teachers Committee to finalize the TQS Recommendations and issue the final Report. The Teacher Working Conditions Survey has been posted for statewide participation (March 12 through March 30). Final report of the Survey will be mid-summer.

Adolescent Literacy Forum Updates

Staff provided an update on the first literacy forum on March 7, 2007. Approximately 400 educators and administrators are expected to attend the three events. Future forums are scheduled for March 28th in Tucson, and April 25th in Peoria.

Data, Assessment & Graduation Committee

Dr. Francis indicated that the Committee is seeing the most legislative activity on Council recommendations and is working to identify ways for the Committee to be involved in the legislative process.

4. Review/Discussion: P-20 Council Meeting Agenda 3/22/07

Staff provided a brief overview of the agenda for the March 22nd meeting.

5. Call to the Public:

There were no requests from the Public to address the Committee.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.